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# MESSAGE

FROM

# THE PRESIDENT,

COMMUNICATING

*The report of the director of the mint, showing the operations of the mint and branch mints for the year* 1847.

January 31, 1848.
Read, and ordered to be printed.

*To the Senate of the United States:*

I transmit, herewith, the annual report of the director of the mint at Philadelphia, showing the operation of the mint and branch mints for the year 1847.

JAMES K. POLK.

Washington, *January* 31, 1848.

Mint of the United States,
*Philadelphia, January* 14, 1848.

Sir: I have the honor to present the following report of the operations of the mint and branch mints during the past year.

The coinage at the principal mint amounted to $14,348,367; comprising $13,269,080 in gold, $990,450 in silver, and $61,837 in copper coins; and composed of 11,545,278 pieces. The deposites of gold within the year amounted to $13,670,896, and those of silver to $962,781; making, together, $14,633,677.

At the New Orleans branch mint the coinage amounted to $7,469,000; comprising $6,085,000 in gold, and $1,384,000 in silver coins, and composed of 3,659,500 pieces. The deposites for coinage amounted to $7,739,506: $6,252,288 in gold, and $1,487,278 in silver.

The branch mint at Charlotte received, during the year, deposites of gold to the value of $344,054, and its coinage amounted to $478,820; composed of 84,151 half-eagles, and 23,226 quarter-eagles.

The branch mint at Dahlonega received, during the year, deposites of gold to the value of $352,366, and its coinage amounted to $361,485; composed of 64,405 half-eagles, and 15,748 quarter-eagles.

The deposites during the year, at the four mints, amounted, in all, to the sum of $23,069,603; of which $20,619,544 was in gold, and $2,450,059 in silver. The whole coinage amounted to $22,657,672; composed of $20,221,385 in gold, $2,374,450 in silver, and $61,837 in copper coins.

Statements, in the tabular form, relative to the operations of the year, and former years, are subjoined; and, from the last of these, it will be seen that the coinage of 1847 is nearly double, in value, of that of any former year, and that the proportion of gold to silver has greatly increased.

Of the deposites, a large portion was made under the act of February 9, 1793, which requires that all foreign gold and silver coins, (except Spanish milled dollars, and parts of such dollars,) which shall be received for moneys due to the United States, shall, previously to their being issued in circulation, be coined anew. The amount thus received, at the Philadelphia mint, was $9,829,404.

I have the honor to be, sir, with great respect, your faithful servant,

R. M. PATTERSON,
*Director of the Mint.*

To the PRESIDENT *of the United States.*

# TABLE A.

*Statement of deposites and coinage at the Mint of the United States and branches in the year* 1847.

## DEPOSITES.

| | MINTS. | | | | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Charlotte, N. C. | Dahlonega, Geo. | New Orleans. | Philadelphia. | |
| *Gold.* | | | | | |
| United States coins, old standard | ..... | ..... | $9,901 | $35,534 | $45,435 |
| Foreign coins | ..... | ..... | 6,220,700 | 13,171,679 | 19,392,379 |
| United States bullion | $344,054 | $352,366 | 9,256 | 183,409 | 889,085 |
| Foreign bullion | ..... | ..... | 12,371 | 280,274 | 292,645 |
| Total gold | 344,054 | 352,366 | 6,252,228 | 13,670,896 | 20,619,544 |
| *Silver.* | | | | | |
| Foreign coins | ..... | ..... | 1,324,680 | 865,705 | 2,190,385 |
| Foreign bullion | ..... | ..... | 162,598 | 90,669 | 253,267 |
| United States bullion | ..... | ..... | ..... | 6,407 | 6,407 |
| Total silver | ..... | ..... | 1,487,278 | 962,781 | 2,450,059 |
| Total gold and silver | $344,054 | $352,366 | $7,739,506 | $14,633,677 | $23,069,603 |

## COINAGE.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Gold.* | | | | | |
| Eagles, pieces | ..... | ..... | 571,500 | 862,264 | 1,433,764 |
| Half-eagles, pieces | 84,151 | 64,405 | 12,000 | 919,781 | 1,080,337 |
| Quarter-eagles, pieces | 23,226 | 15,784 | 124,000 | 29,814 | 192,824 |
| Value gold, dollars | 478,820 | 361,485 | 6,085,000 | 13,296,080 | 20,221,385 |
| *Silver.* | | | | | |
| Dollars, pieces | ..... | ..... | ..... | 140,750 | 140,750 |
| Half-dollars, pieces | ..... | ..... | 2,584,000 | 1,156,000 | 3,740,000 |
| Quarter-dollars, pieces | ..... | ..... | 368,000 | 734,000 | 1,102,000 |
| Dimes, pieces | ..... | ..... | ..... | 245,000 | 245,000 |
| Half-dimes, pieces | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1,274,000 | 1,274,000 |
| Value silver, dollars | ..... | ..... | 1,384,000 | 990,450 | 2,374,450 |
| *Copper.* | | | | | |
| Cents, pieces | ..... | ..... | ..... | 6,183,669 | 6,183,669 |
| Half-cents, pieces | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Value copper, dollars | ..... | ..... | ..... | 61,836 69 | 61,836 69 |
| Number of pieces | 107,377 | 80,189 | 3,659,500 | 11,545,278 | 15,392,344 |
| Value, dolls. and cts. | 478,820 | 361,485 | 7,469,000 | 14,348,366 69 | 22,657,671 69 |

B.—*Statement of the annual amounts of deposites of gold, for coinage, at the mint of the United States and its branches, from mines in the United States.*

| Periods. | Deposited at the United States Mint. | | | | | | | | Deposited at the branch mints. | | | | Mint and branches. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Virginia. | North Carolina. | South Carolina. | Georgia. | Tennessee. | Alabama. | Various sources. | Total at the United States mint. | Branch mint at Charlotte, North Carolina. | Branch mint at Dahlonega, Georgia. | Branch mint at New Orleans. | Total at the branch mints. | Total deposites of United States gold. |
| 1824 | ..... | $5,000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | $5,000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | $5,000 |
| 1825 | ..... | 17,000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 17,000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 17,000 |
| 1826 | ..... | 20,000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 20,000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 20,000 |
| 1827 | ..... | 21,000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 21,000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 21,000 |
| 1828 | ..... | 46,000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 46,000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 46,000 |
| 1829 | $2,500 | 134,000 | $3,500 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 140,000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 140,000 |
| 1830 | 24,000 | 204,000 | 26,000 | $212,000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 466,000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 466,000 |
| 1831 | 26,000 | 294,000 | 22,000 | 176,000 | $1,000 | ..... | $1,000 | 520,000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 520,000 |
| 1832 | 34,000 | 458,000 | 45,000 | 140,000 | 1,000 | ..... | ..... | 678,000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 678,000 |
| 1833 | 101,000 | 475,000 | 66,000 | 216,000 | 7,000 | ..... | ..... | 868,000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 868,000 |
| 1834 | 62,000 | 380,000 | 38,000 | 415,000 | 3,000 | ..... | ..... | 898,000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 898,000 |
| 1835 | 60,400 | 263,500 | 42,400 | 319,900 | 100 | ..... | 12,000 | 698,500 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 698,500 |
| 1836 | 62,000 | 148,100 | 55,200 | 201,400 | 300 | ..... | ..... | 467,000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 467,000 |
| 1837 | 52,100 | 116,900 | 29,400 | 83,600 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 282,000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 282,000 |
| 1838 | 55,000 | 66,000 | 13,000 | 36,000 | 1,500 | ..... | 200 | 171,700 | $127,000 | $135,700 | $700 | $263,400 | 435,100 |
| 1839 | 57,600 | 53,500 | 6,300 | 20,300 | 300 | $500 | ..... | 138,500 | 126,836 | 113,035 | 6,869 | 246,740 | 385,240 |
| 1840 | 38,995 | 36,804 | 5,319 | 91,113 | 104 | 4,431 | ..... | 176,766 | 124,726 | 121,858 | 2,835 | 249,419 | 526,185 |
| 1841 | 25,736 | 76,431 | 3,440 | 139,796 | 1,212 | 1,863 | ..... | 248,478 | 129,847 | 161,974 | 1,818 | 293,639 | 542,117 |
| 1842 | 42,163 | 61,629 | 223 | 150,276 | ..... | 5,579 | 13,717 | 273,587 | 174,508 | 323,372 | 5,630 | 503,510 | 777,097 |
| 1843 | 48,148 | 62,873 | 5,099 | 56,619 | 2,788 | 4,786 | 415 | 180,728 | 272,064 | 570,080 | 22,573 | 864,717 | 1,045,445 |
| 1844 | 40,595 | 194,917 | 11,856 | 30,739 | 2,240 | 12,298 | 2,377 | 295,022 | 167,348 | 479,794 | 25,036 | 672,178 | 967,200 |
| 1845 | 86,783 | 365,886 | 5,386 | 17,325 | 3,202 | 6,472 | 4,328 | 489,382 | ..... | 498,632 | 20,313 | 518,945 | 1,008,327 |
| 1846 | 55,538 | 286,105 | 100,641 | 13,601 | 2,642 | 7,512 | ..... | 466,069 | 196,381 | 455,149 | 21,758 | 673,288 | 1,139,357 |
| 1847 | 67,736 | 99,491 | 1,102 | 10,547 | 2,511 | 2,022 | ..... | 183,409 | 344,054 | 352,366 | 9,256 | 705,676 | 889,085 |
| | 945,294 | 3,886,136 | 479,866 | 2,330,246 | 28,899 | 45,493 | 34,237 | 7,750,141 | 1,662,764 | 3,211,960 | 116,788 | 4,991,512 | 12,741,653 |

C.

*Coinage of the mint of the United States in the several years from its establishment, in* 1792, *and including the coinage of the branch mints from the commencement of their operations, in* 1838.

| Years. | GOLD. | SILVER. | COPPER. | WHOLE COINAGE. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Value. | Value. | Value. | No. of pieces. | Value. |
| 1793 } 1794 } 1795 } | $71,485 00 | $370,683 80 | $11,373 00 | 1,834,420 | $453,541 80 |
| 1796 | 102,727 50 | 79,077 50 | 10,324 40 | 1,219,370 | 192,129 40 |
| 1797 | 103,422 50 | 12,591 45 | 9,510 34 | 1,095,165 | 125,521 29 |
| 1798 | 205,610 00 | 330,291 00 | 9,797 00 | 1,368,241 | 545,698 00 |
| 1799 | 213,285 00 | 423,515 00 | 9,106 68 | 1,365,681 | 645,906 68 |
| 1800 | 317,760 00 | 224,296 00 | 29,279 40 | 3,337,972 | 571,335 40 |
| 1801 | 422,570 00 | 74,758 00 | 13,628 37 | 1,571,390 | 510,956 37 |
| 1802 | 423,310 00 | 58,343 00 | 34,422 83 | 3,615,869 | 516,075 83 |
| 1803 | 258,377 50 | 87,118 00 | 25,203 03 | 2,780,830 | 370,698 53 |
| 1804 | 258,642 50 | 100,340 50 | 12,844 94 | 2,046,839 | 371,827 94 |
| 1805 | 170,367 50 | 149,388 50 | 13,483 48 | 2,260,361 | 333,239 48 |
| 1806 | 324,505 00 | 471,319 00 | 5,260 00 | 1,815,409 | 801,084 00 |
| 1807 | 437,495 00 | 597,448 75 | 9,652 21 | 2,731,345 | 1,044,595 96 |
| 1808 | 284,665 00 | 684,300 00 | 13,090 00 | 2,935,888 | 982,055 00 |
| 1809 | 169,375 00 | 707,376 00 | 8,001 53 | 2,861,834 | 884,752 53 |
| 1810 | 501,435 00 | 638,773 50 | 15,660 00 | 3,056,418 | 1,155,868 50 |
| 1811 | 497,905 00 | 608,340 00 | 2,495 95 | 1,649,570 | 1,108,740 95 |
| 1812 | 290,435 00 | 814,029 50 | 10,755 00 | 2,761,646 | 1,115,219 50 |
| 1813 | 477,140 00 | 620,951 50 | 4,180 00 | 1,755,331 | 1,102,271 50 |
| 1814 | 77,270 00 | 561,687 50 | 3,578 30 | 1,833,859 | 642,535 80 |
| 1815 | 3,175 00. | 17,308 00 | ..... | 69,867 | 20,483 00 |
| 1816 | ..... | 28,575 75 | 28,209 82 | 2,888,135 | 56,785 57 |
| 1817 | ..... | 607,783 50 | 39,484 00 | 5,163,967 | 647,267 50 |
| 1818 | 242,940 00 | 1,070,454 50 | 31,670 00 | 5,537,084 | 1,345,064 50 |
| 1819 | 258,615 00 | 1,140,000 00 | 26,710 00 | 5,074,723 | 1,425,325 00 |
| 1820 | 1,319,030 00 | 501,680 70 | 44,075 50 | 6,492,509 | 1,864,786 20 |
| 1821 | 189,325 00 | 825,762 45 | 3,890 00 | 3,139,249 | 1,018,977 45 |
| 1822 | 88,980 00 | 805,806 50 | 20,723 30 | 3,813,788 | 915,509 89 |
| 1823 | 72,425 00 | 895,550 00 | ..... | 2,166,485 | 967,975 00 |
| 1824 | 93,200 00 | 1,752,477 00 | 12,620 00 | 4,786,894 | 1,858,297 00 |
| 1825 | 156,385 00 | 1,564,583 00 | 14,926 00 | 5,178,760 | 1,735,894 00 |
| 1826 | 92,245 00 | 2,002,090 00 | 16,344 25 | 5,774,434 | 2,110,679 25 |
| 1827 | 131,565 00 | 2,869,200 00 | 23,577 32 | 9,097,845 | 3,021,342 32 |
| 1828 | 140,145 00 | 1,575,600 00 | 25,636 24 | 6,196,853 | 1,741,381 24 |
| 1829 | 295,717 50 | 1,994,578 00 | 16,580 00 | 7,674,501 | 2,306,875 50 |
| 1830 | 643,105 00 | 2,495,400 00 | 17,115 00 | 8,357,191 | 3,155,620 00 |
| 1831 | 714,270 00 | 3,175,600 00 | 33,603 60 | 11,792,284 | 3,923,473 60 |
| 1832 | 798,435 00 | 2,579,000 00 | 23,620 00 | 9,128,387 | 3,401,055 00 |
| 1833 | 978,550 00 | 2,759,000 00 | 28,160 00 | 10,307,790 | 3,765,710 00 |
| 1834 | 3,954,270 00 | 3,415,002 00 | 19,151 00 | 11,637,643 | 7,388,423 00 |
| 1835 | 2,186,175 00 | 3,443,003 00 | 39,489 00 | 15,996,342 | 5,668,667 00 |
| 1836 | 4,135,700 00 | 3,606,100 00 | 23,100 00 | 13,719,333 | 7,764,900 00 |
| 1837 | 1,148,305 00 | 2,096,010 00 | 55,583 00 | 13,010,721 | 3,299,898 00 |
| 1838 | 1,809,595 00 | 2,333,243 00 | 63,702 00 | 15,780,311 | 4,206,540 00 |
| 1839 | 1,355,885 00 | 2,189,296 00 | 31,286 61 | 11,811,594 | 3,576,467 61 |
| 1840 | 1,675,302 50 | 1,726,703 00 | 24,627 00 | 10,558,240 | 3,426,632 50 |
| 1841 | 1,091,597 50 | 1,132,750 00 | 15,973 67 | 8,811,968 | 2,240,321 17 |
| 1842 | 1,834,170 50 | 2,332,750 00 | 23,833 90 | 11,743,153 | 4,190,754 40 |
| 1843 | 8,108,797 50 | 3,834,750 00 | 24,233 20 | 14,640,582 | 11,967,830 70 |
| 1844 | 5,428,230 00 | 2,235,550 00 | 23,987 52 | 9,051,834 | 7,687,767 52 |
| 1845 | 3,756,447 50 | 1,873,200 00 | 38,948 04 | 11,806,196 | 5,668,595 54 |
| 1846 | 4,034,177 50 | 2,558,580 00 | 41,208 00 | 10,133,515 | 6,633,965 50 |
| 1847 | 20,221,385 00 | 2,374,450 00 | 61,836 69 | 15,392,344 | 22,657,671 69 |
| | 72,565,927 50 | 71,426,464 90 | 1,145,601 21 | 330,631,950 | 145,137,993 61 |